

1-14-92 Minutes

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m., January 14, 1992.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilwoman Joanne A. Grahame; Councilman Payton M. Otey; Vice Mayor John M. Owen, III; Councilman Ronnie C. Rice; and Councilman James A. Vest.

Members absent: Councilman Larry D. Brookshier.

Staff present: City Manager Jack A. Gross; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Staff absent: City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV.

Mayor Shelton opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on December 10, 1991, were approved as mailed.

Council members viewed a video of selected portions of the 1991 Christmas parade.

Councilwoman Grahame moved that the following items be added to the agenda:

Council Input on Capital Improvement Program Budget

Enhanced-911

Public Service District Concept

The motion was seconded by Councilman Vest.

Councilman Rice moved to amend the motion by deleting the Enhanced 911 item and that the item be discussed at the next meeting when the Chief of Police is present. After discussion, Councilman Rice withdrew his motion.

Councilwoman Grahame's motion was then voted upon and carried.

Councilman Rice asked the City Manager to write to the City Manager of Riverview, Michigan, for information concerning its landfill, as featured on the television program, 20/20.

Mayor Shelton announced that Dianne R. Nelson of the Police Department has been chosen the City's 1991 Employee of the Year.

Mr. S. T. Adams, Chairman of the Peaks of Otter Soil & Water Conservation District, made a presentation regarding the District's Long Range Program Plan for the period 1991-1996.

Discussion ensued regarding the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget.

The City Manager and staff are to prepare a CIP priority list for Council's consideration.

The City Manager reviewed a memorandum from the Chief of Police regarding Enhanced-911 emergency telephone service. He stated that Bedford County has committed to establishing such a service and are scheduled to go on-line in about two years. Mr. Gross explained the major differences in Enhanced-911 and Basic-911 and the costs.

City Manager Gross stated that the Central Virginia Planning District Commission has received proposals for an aerial photography project, which is a part of the 911 system. The City Manager reviewed other advantages to the City if it were to go into this program. Mr. Gross asked Council for the authority to enter into this program by negotiating a fee of up to \$10,000.

Councilwoman Grahame moved that Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate with firms offered by the Central Virginia Planning District Commission, up to \$10,000 for an aerial photo project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rice, voted upon and carried.

Mayor Shelton requested the Safety Committee, Councilman Rice, and the staff to review E-911 concepts and report back to Council if possible by the end of March with a recommendation.

Vice Mayor Owen suggested that Council explore the public service district concept, which he felt would eliminate duplicate services and costs.

A brief discussion ensued.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.